

## CHRISTMAS AT THE FRONT



## "MY TROOPS MUST WIN," ASSERTS VON HINDENBURG

Commander of Germany's Eastern Armies, in Interview,  
Says Success Is Certain, but Praises Valor of Rus-  
sians—Asserts Railways Have Helped Him.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE EAST-  
ERN GERMAN ARMY, Dec. 18 (via London,  
Dec. 21).—"With troops of the courage  
and endurance of my army I must suc-  
ceed," was the statement of Field Mar-  
shal von Hindenburg, the famous leader  
of the eastern German army, to-day.  
"It would be untimely to say that the  
Russians are completely beaten and  
broken," said the Field Marshal. "They  
are fighting bravely and well."

Neither Field Marshal von Hinden-  
burg nor Gen. Ludendorff, his chief of  
staff, has any illusions as to what is be-  
fore the German army in Poland. The  
both declared there would be much hard  
fighting in the campaign against War-  
saw, but they have the utmost confidence  
in final success.

Throughout the advance of the German  
army through Poland Field Marshal von  
Hindenburg's forces have been opposed  
by a vastly superior number of Russians.  
In telling of the fighting which has re-  
sulted in the retirement of the Russian  
army, Warsaw the German commander  
said:

"Considerable factors in the success of  
my armies against the numerical superi-  
ority of the Russians are the railways,  
which make possible such quick move-  
ments of the Germans. But my troops  
have shown the utmost courage and en-  
durance in battle and during the long  
marches which have been made. With  
such troops I must succeed. The Russians  
have great numbers of men. Considering  
their defective railways they have often  
made very quick movements of troops."

Field Marshal von Hindenburg is an  
extraordinary type of man. Rugged and  
vigorous, he has so manipulated his  
numerically weaker forces over the rail-  
roads as to check the Russian advance  
upon German territory through Poland  
and finally to hurl them back on their  
own defenses.

The Germans are constantly shifting  
their forces to deliver new blows. They  
forced the Slavs to give way for thirty-  
five miles on a line running from Lodz  
and Lodz to Cracow. The new Russian  
position is but twenty miles from Warsaw.  
Field Marshal von Hindenburg said  
there were between thirty and forty Rus-  
sian army corps (approximately 1,200,000  
or 1,500,000 men) opposed to the German  
and Austrian line, which stretches over a  
front of 250 miles. Since November 12  
the Germans have captured 119,000 Rus-  
sians.

"The Russians have suffered enormous  
losses in killed, wounded and men taken  
prisoners," the Field Marshal said. "The  
heavy casualties which they suffered in  
these battles during the last four weeks  
resulted in the breaking of the Russian  
offensive and resistance along the entire  
line."

**LODZ, TURNING POINT.**  
Gen. von Hindenburg Discusses Cap-  
ture of Russian Poland City.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The following is  
from a report sent by an Associated Press  
correspondent in Lodz, by automobile  
courier to Posen, whence it was tele-  
graphed to London:  
The capture of Lodz, according to Gen.  
von Hindenburg, was the turning point  
of the campaign in Poland. The Russian  
line in northern Poland rested on this city.  
For the possession of which there oc-  
curred the most bitter struggle of the en-  
tire war on this front. After the Russians,  
following a most obstinate resistance,  
were forced to evacuate the town a gen-  
eral Russian retreat resulted in the direction  
of Warsaw became necessary.

It looked for a time as if the Russians  
would be forced to retreat—if retreat  
were at all possible in the face of the  
German enveloping movements by the Ger-  
man forces. The intention was to drive the Rus-  
sians into the arms of large Austro-  
German forces massed to cut off their  
retreat, but the timely arrival of Rus-  
sian reserves from Warsaw resulted in  
the breaking of the easternmost line of  
the front, relieving the situation for the  
Russians.

One of the operations around Lodz  
was the celebrated "routing off" of  
the German army corps which, after be-  
ing entirely surrounded by the rapid ad-  
vance of the Warsaw reserves, turned and  
cut their way out and brought with them  
12,000 of their would-be captors. The  
same of this exploit, which a member  
of the General Staff characterized as one  
of the most brilliant of the war, was  
the Russian evacuation of Lodz was

## GERMAN AERO DROPS A BOMB INTO DOVER

Disappears Over Channel After  
Failing to Hit Dover  
Castle.

BRITISH PURSUE VAINLY

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The official press  
bureau issued the following statement  
this afternoon:  
An aeroplane of the enemy dropped  
a bomb while passing over Dover this  
morning. The missile fell in a garden  
and exploded, but no damage was done.  
The aeroplane was seen for a few sec-  
onds only. It left immediately, passing  
out over the sea. British aircraft went  
up but did not see the enemy again. The  
weather was cloudy and foggy.

The machine came from the direction  
of Deal and was flying very high, sud-  
denly emerging from the clouds over  
Dover. It is supposed that Dover Castle  
was the objective of the raid, as the  
bomb thrown fell in the garden in the  
rear of St. James's rectory in front of  
the castle. The bomb broke the windows  
in the rectory and in some buildings  
near by.

The hostile aviator's escape was made  
easy by the fog. As soon as he had  
dropped the bomb, he headed straight  
across the Channel. It is reported that  
two British aviators ascended in an ef-  
fort to catch him, but his start was too  
great to be overcome.

This is the first authentic news of a  
hostile aviator visiting the British Isles.

**WANT NAVAL ACTION.**  
Many Germans Insist That Fleets  
Should Be Sent Out.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The "Times" prints a  
statement from a correspondent lately in  
Germany, who says it is remarkable how  
everybody seems to think it would be quite  
easy for a German army to land in Eng-  
land. The Germans place their hopes on  
Zeppelins, which they believe, would bring  
destruction and cause immense panic in  
England.

Disappointment with the German fleet  
has grown in the last two months, the  
correspondent says, and there is a strong  
feeling against keeping the warships in  
harbors without trying to engage the  
enemy. This feeling is especially strong  
in the coast towns.

**FAILED TO REACH PARIS.**

German Flier Brought Down 19  
Miles From City.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The "Journal" says that  
a German aeroplane seeking to reach  
Paris was brought down last Sunday by  
the French air patrol at Pontons, nine-  
teen miles northwest of this city.

**LORAINE TO RETURN TO FRONT.**

Actor-Aviator Was Wounded Re-  
cently in France.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Robert Lorraine, the  
actor-aviator, who was wounded recently  
while at the front with the British forces,  
has returned to England.  
Mr. Lorraine says he expects to return  
to the front in two months and that he  
will take with him the fastest aeroplane  
ever built in England.

## CANADIAN SOLDIERS MAY VOTE.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—The Dominion au-  
thorities are planning to protect the fran-  
chise of the soldiers at the front and

measures will be introduced at the com-  
ing session of Parliament providing for  
ways in which the men may vote. A  
general election took place in New Zea-  
land since the war began and absentee  
soldiers voted by constituencies and sent  
the ballots home from their concentration

camps. Such a scheme has been sug-  
gested for the Canadians.  
Premier Borden arrived here last night  
from his visit to the maritime provinces  
and a meeting of the Cabinet has been  
held to consider the date for the open-  
ing of Parliament, which will probably

be on February 11, although February 4  
also has been talked of.  
The session will be a short one and will  
be devoted almost entirely to war mea-  
sures. Steps will be taken to offset the  
reduction in revenue, but the nature of  
the proceedings has not been revealed.

Broadway

# Saks & Company

at 34th Street

## Clearance Saturday of Misses' Suits and Coats at the biggest reductions of the closing year

The prices alone make this a clearance, for the garments themselves  
are for the most part up-to-the-minute models. Shown in a great  
variety of materials and styles, and affording a really unusual diver-  
sity and individuality of selection.

Fourth Floor

60 Suits	were \$19.50 to \$25.00	now \$8.50
127 Suits	were \$35.00 to \$45.00	now \$17.00
57 Suits	were \$49.50 to \$55.00	now \$27.50
28 Suits	were \$59.00 to \$69.00	now \$37.50
128 Coats	were \$18.50 to \$22.50	now \$10.00
102 Coats	were \$25.00 to \$27.50	now \$12.50
77 Coats	were \$29.50 to \$35.00	now \$17.50
62 Coats	were \$29.50 to \$39.50	now \$19.50

### 168 Girls' Coats radically reduced

Formerly \$9.50	Formerly \$12.50	Formerly \$18.00
Reduced to \$3.50	Reduced to \$6.00	Reduced to \$9.00

### 110 Girls' Wool & Velvet Dresses

Formerly \$5.00	Formerly \$8.50	Formerly \$14.50
Reduced to \$2.50	Reduced to \$4.50	Reduced to \$7.50

### 53 Girls' Party Dresses

Formerly \$15.00	Formerly \$20.00	Formerly \$25 to \$30
Reduced to \$7.50	Reduced to \$11.50	Reduced to \$13.50

None C. O. D., credited nor exchanged—Fourth Floor

## Clearance Saturday of \$7.50 and \$8.50 Boys' Suits at \$5.00

With two pairs of knickers

Broken lots and sizes of fancy mixture suits  
and fine soft corduroy suits in a variety of  
smart models. From regular stock, and tai-  
lored with all the customary excellence of Saks  
productions for boys. Second Floor

### \$6.50 Mackinaw Coats at \$3.95

Shawl collar, patch pocket models, made in  
warm, colorful mackinaw plaids. A liberal  
variety of patterns to select from, and every coat  
a bargain at this figure. Ages 8 to 18 years.

### \$7.50 Chinchilla Overcoats at \$4.95

Double-breasted Balmacaan and belted back  
models, with convertible collar. Serviceably,  
stylishly made garments, flannel lined, but in  
broken sizes only. Ages 3 to 10 years.

### \$4 and \$5 Boys' and Girls' Sweater Coats at \$2.85

Extra heavy knit, shawl collar sweater gar-  
ments, in Jumbo and shaker weaves, and the  
wanted colors. Broken sizes. Second Floor

## Clearance of Women's Suits

our entire stock at radical reductions Saturday

New models, most of them fur-trimmed, in chiffon broadcloths, chevots, wide wales, wool failles, gabardines,  
English coverts, chiffon velvets, velveteens and broadtails—a splendid latitude of choice and the utmost in values.

62 Suits	were up to \$29.50	now \$12.50
212 Suits	were up to \$39.50	now \$17.50
133 Suits	were up to \$45.00	now \$22.50
187 Suits	were up to \$59.00	now \$27.50
26 Suits	were up to \$125.00	now \$45.00

### New Cossack Suits { \$29.50 Value \$50.00

The newest suit creation of the season—designed  
with long, full circular flare coat, bound with beaver  
or skunk opossum fur, and cuffs and choker collar  
to match. Tailored in a fine chiffon broadcloth, in  
the smart shades.

## Clearance of Women's Coats & Wraps

every garment reduced for Saturday by a tremendous margin

Evening wraps, carriage wraps, afternoon coats, street and sport coats, in a  
great variety of models, and in the following pretentious selection of fabrics:—

Chiffon Beaded Chiffon Velvet Panne Velvet Brocade Plush	Brocade Velvet Satin & Faille Broadcloth Silk Plush	Imported Velour Cut Plush Velvet Corduroy Broadtail & Caracul	Pomorie Zibelines Imported Mixtures Wool Plush	Cheviot Peau de Soie Velour de Laine Ripple Cloth	Plushes Velvet Pebble Cheviot Vicuna	Boucle Chinchilla Kitten Ear Cloth Billard Cloth
Coats	were \$15 to \$18.50	now \$7.50	Coats & Wraps	were \$37.50 to \$45	now \$22.50	
Coats	were \$19.50 to \$25	now \$10.00	Coats & Wraps	were \$49.50 to \$55	now \$26.50	
Coats	were \$27.50 to \$35	now \$15.00	Coats & Wraps	were \$59.50 to \$75	now \$33.00	

Coats &amp; Wraps were \$79.50 to \$150 now \$50.00

None C. O. D., exchanged nor on approval—Fourth floor.

## Clearance Saturday of Matched Fur Sets

reduced an exact half

The number of these sets is limited, but the values are so re-  
markable that that fact should serve only as a further stimulus to  
whoever is interested—they constitute a wonderful opportunity.

\$150.00 Pointed Sitka Fox Sets	\$75.00
\$165.00 Natural Cross Fox Sets	\$82.50
\$165.00 Mole Combination Sets	\$82.50
\$125.00 White Fox Sets	\$62.50
\$100.00 Natural Wolverine Sets	\$50.00
\$85.00 Mole Sets	\$42.50
\$75.00 Natural Alaska Blue Wolf Sets	\$37.50

### For Misses and Children

Muffs and Neckpieces, in chinchilla squirrel, wild- cat, mole coney, natural racoon, and blue, white or tan moufflon. Formerly up to \$10.00 each—now	\$3.95
Muffs and Neckpieces, in silver kitt, coney, imitation ermine and white Iceland Fox. Formerly up to \$6.50 each—now	\$2.45
200 Children's Muffs and Neckpieces, in a variety of furs. Formerly up to \$3.75 each—now	\$1.00

## Clearance Saturday of Women's Dresses

Limited to two or three dresses of  
any one style—but there is a most  
liberal range of selection in consequence

20 Serge Dresses, odd models reduced from \$15.00	to \$7.50
25 Satin & Serge Dresses reduced from \$25 & \$29.50	to \$14.50
40 Velveteen & Satin Dresses reduced from \$29.50	to \$18.50
30 Charmeuse Afternoon Dresses reduced from \$29.50	to \$18.50
50 Evening & Dancing Frocks reduced from \$20 & \$25	to \$12.95

### Women's Serge Dresses 12.50 A new Spring model—value \$18.50

An Empire waistline model, with Bolero effect, and a full three  
yards circular skirt. Made of a fine serge, with vestee,  
and collar of putty color, or white faille silk, and lined to waist.  
In navy, black, brown, Copenhagen and green, 34 to 42.

## Clearance of Women's Overgaiter Boots

Reduced from regular stock Saturday

The newest modes in smart footwear—assembled only during the past few weeks—exhibiting  
the most distinctive combination effects in colored buckskin and Drednought cloth tops.

### \$8.00 Boots at \$5.85

Lace and button, in imported patent calf, coltskin and gun metal.

### \$7.00 Boots at \$4.85

Button styles only, made of patent coltskin and gun metal calf.

### \$6.00 Boots at \$3.95

Lace and button, in tan Russia calf—button in patent colt and gun metal.

### \$5.00 Boots at \$3.45

Both lace and button styles, of coltskin and gun metal calf.

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